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# Summary of City Council Proceedings: February 17, 2011

Norman D. Griffiths, President

Council Members: Charles Potter, Jr. Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II Eric D. Robinson Hanifa G.N. Shabazz Samuel Prado Kevin F. Kelley, Sr. (Pres. Pro Tempore) Paul F. Ignudo, Jr. Stephen L. Martelli Michael A. Brown, Sr. Charles M. "Bud" Freel Loretta Walsh Justen A. Wright

Public Speaker and their topic: Earl E. Tate, II - LAPA; Mendelakhan - Citizens for Just Government; Lynette Williams - no subject given

# Council President Norman D. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Council President Norman D. Griffiths, Council Members Charles Potter, Jr., Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II, Eric D. Robinson, Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Samuel Prado, Kevin F. Kelley, Sr., Paul F. Ignudo, Jr., Stephen L. Martelli, Michael A. Brown, Sr., Charles "Bud" Freel. Loretta Walsh and Justen A. Wright

# **NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Griffiths** - Recognize Theodore Blunt; **Congo/Wright** - Sympathy Ms. Pauline Hudson; **Martelli** - Recognize Toscana Restaurant and Chef Dan Butler; **Brown** - Sympathy Mr. James Keith Comeger; **Walsh** - Congratulate Kiwanis Officer of the Year 2010 Isreal Santiago; **Wright** - Sympathy Mother Gladys Savage Fitch, Recognize Chef Dana Herbert

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **SHABAZZ**

#3483 Res. 11-009 A Resolution Respectfully Encouraging the General Assembly to Pass the Ned Carpenter Act (House Bill No. 19) Action: The Resolution passed with 12 years and 1 nay (Brown).

**Res. 11-010** A Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Delaware Department of Transportation with Respect to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Supportive Services Activities **Action:** The Resolution passed with 12 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent (Congo).

#### **KELLEY**

#3485 Ord. 11-007 An Ordinance to Enact Certain Parking Regulations throughout the City (1st & 2nd Reading)
Action: The Ordinance was referred to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

## **IGNUDO**

#3486 A Resolution Respectfully Encouraging the Delaware General Assembly to Consider the Suggested Regulations Regarding Women's Health Clinics Action: The Resolution was held.

#### **MARTELLI**

#3487 Ord. 11-008 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Enact a New Section Requiring Budget Hearings for All City Departments (1st & 2nd Reading) Action: The Ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee.

# **FREEL**

**Grd. 11-005** Authorize Capital Projects of the City of Wilmington Relating to Upgrades and Improvements to the City's Porter and Brandywine Filter Water Treatment Plants; Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2011-SRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for such Projects; Providing for the Sale of the Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading) Action: The Ordinance passed with 9 yeas and 4 nays (Potter, Kelley, Ignudo, Wright).

**Ord. 11-006** Authorize Capital Projects of the City of Wilmington Relating to Upgrades and Improvements to Various Water Mains Throughout the City; Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2011A-SRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for such Projects; Providing for the Sale of the Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading) Action: The Ordinance passed with 9 yeas and 4 nays (Potter, Kelley, Ignudo, Wright).

## **WALSH**

**Res. 11-011** A Resolution Approving the Filing of a Grant Application to the Criminal Justice Council of the State of Delaware to Reimburse the City for the Payment of Overtime Enforcement in the Weed and Seed Area through June 30, 2011 **Action:** The Resolution passed with 12 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent (Potter).

## **WALSH** continued

#3474 Res. 11-012 A Resolution Approving the Filing of a Grant Application to the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (S.A.L.L.E.) Program by the Wilmington Police Department to Purchase Police Equipped Bicycles, to Rent Undercover Vehicles for Investigations, to Purchase Bomb Robot Upgrades and to Pay for Drug Enforcement Investigation Overtime Action: The Resolution passed with 12 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent (Potter).

#3488 Res. 11-013 A Resolution Authorizing the Office of Emergency Management to Accept Funding in a Sub-grant from the Delaware Emergency Management Agency for Construction of Shelter Upgrades at the William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center Action: The Resolution passed with 12 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent (Potter).

**Res. 11-014** A Resolution Approving The Security Services Agreement between Bethel Villas 2009 Associates, L.P. and the City of Wilmington **Action**: The Resolution passed with 13 yeas and 0 nays.

## **WRIGHT**

**Res. 11-015** A Resolution Respectfully Encouraging the General Assembly to Pass the Hazel D. Plant Voter Restoration Act (House Bill No. 9) **Action:** The Resolution passed with 12 years and 1 nay (Martelli).

# **Petitions and Communications**

Council Members announced committee and civic meetings, community events, and offered condolences and get well wishes to families in their district. **Councilman Potter** announced that a New Wilmington School District panel discussion will be held March 5, 2011 in the Carvel State Building's auditorium. **Councilman Robinson** announced that the Delaware Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has launched a "Next of Kin Registry" to assist emergency officials to contact a victim's loved ones when an emergency occurs. For more information or to sign up for the registry, please visit **citizen.dmv.de.gov/mydmv.ejs?command=MyDMVHome** and click on "Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Enrollment." **Councilman Freel** announced a tentative meeting on February 28, 2011, to discuss the Lincoln Towers housing/fire station project agreements.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Next Meeting, March 3, 2011

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